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Letter dated 18 February 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement issued on 18 February 1994 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 39 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement issued on 18 February 1994 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina are followed with great attention in Ukraine.

According to the latest reports from Sarajevo, after reaching a cease-fire agreement between the Bosnian Serbs and Muslims via mediation of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) Command, both sides have started withdrawal of heavy artillery and its placement under United Nations control.

Ukraine welcomes these positive developments and calls on all parties engaged in this conflict to continue their efforts, the ultimate goal of which must be an agreement on placement of all weapons under United Nations control, complete withdrawal of Serb units from Sarajevo and taking over their positions by the peace-keeping forces. The demilitarization of Sarajevo and placement of the city under United Nations control would put an end to senseless bloodshed and serve as a starting-point for reaching a fair, peaceful settlement.

Ukraine believes that the refusal of any of the sides to the conflict to cooperate further with the United Nations in fulfilling the agreements reached should be considered as a challenge to the international community, disregard of United Nations decisions and a situation that might lead to the use of force as stipulated under the Charter of the United Nations and Security Council resolutions 836 (1993) of 4 June 1993 and 844 (1993) of 18 June 1993.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine strongly appeals to the political leadership of the conflicting parties, the peoples of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to demonstrate political wisdom and put aside all insults, reproaches and mistrust, in order to opt once and for all in favour of peace in the region.